



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2137

Application No.: 10/624,681

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For: DEVICE FOR COMPRESSION AND ENCRYPTION, AND DEVICE FOR
DECOMPRESSION AND DECRYPTION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the July 16, 2007 Office Action, and further to the October 4, 2007 personal interview, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Fields in the October 4, 2007 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,122,379 to Barbir in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,700,175 to Bledsoe. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, independent claim 1 is directed to a device for compressing and encrypting data in which: (1) a compressor compresses original data with reference to a reference table; (2) an encryptor encrypts the reference table or